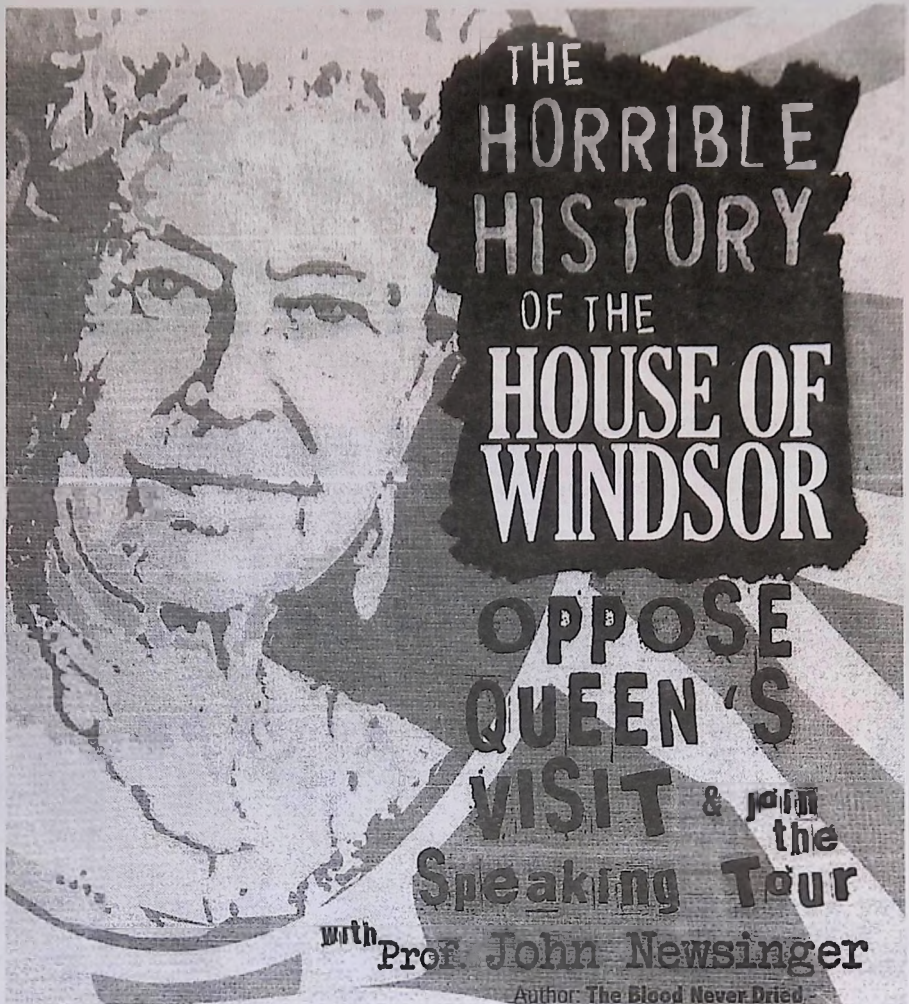

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OPPOSE THE QUEEN'S VISIT!

The official state visit of Elizabeth Windsor to Ireland is an affront to everyone who seeks social equality and opposes empire.

Irish society is being ravaged by cuts in public services. Yet the government will spend up to €15 million euro on the visits of the British Queen and the US President. That money would be far better spent opening a cystic fibrosis unit for those who desperately need it.

Over the past few weeks, the propaganda machine of the media is in full swing to suggest that we must be all 'modern' and 'mature' and repress any republican instincts against monarchy. A not-so- subtle campaign even suggests that only dissidents oppose the visit.

But there is nothing modern about accepting a relic of feudalism.

Elizabeth Windsor is a parasite who lays claim to a life of privilege because her blood line is supposed to be superior to the rest of humanity. Her Balmoral property alone comprises a castle and 75,000 acres of land. Her Crown estate is valued at €14 billion and includes farms, racetracks and commercial property. In a world where children die every minute for lack of clean water, this is an obscenity.

Opposition to royal visits has never been the exclusive property of fanatical nationalists.

The great Irish socialist James Connolly, for example, was the foremost opponent of the visit of King George in 1911.

The Irish capitalist class, he argued, supported such visits because they knew that 'a people mentally poisoned by the adulation of royalty can never attain to that spirit of self-reliant democracy necessary for the attainment of social freedom'. So undoubtedly that same class today will wholeheartedly welcome a royal visit to Ireland.

Elizabeth Windsor is the official commander in chief of the British army. She symbolises a desire for empire that the British ruling class has never relinquished.

Today her troops stalk the fields of Afghanistan, murdering local peasants in the interests of Western civilisation. Her son, Andrew, promotes the sale of weapons to every dictator in the Middle East who is willing to pay cash up front. In Ireland, her army has an appalling record of state terrorism.

That is why the Socialist Workers Party says: If you are proud to be an anti-imperialist -then oppose the Queen's visit!

- **Join the Irish Anti-War Movement protest on Tuesday 17th May – Assemble at the GPO @ 6pm**
- **Come to the SWP meetings on "The Horrible History of the House of Windsor". Hear Professor John Newsinger, the author of *The Blood Never Dried: A Peoples History of the British Empire*, describe the odious record of this parasitical family. These meetings will take place in:**
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